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**The Honorable Nancy Pelosi**  
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**U.S. House of Representatives**  
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Dear Speaker Pelosi:

Virginia is home to thousands of federal employees and retirees. These hardworking patriots serve our nation on a daily basis, whether keeping our skies safe for travelers with the FAA or supporting our troops on the front lines of the war on terror with the CIA. From GS-1 to GS-15, the federal workforce is full of dedicated and committed citizens who exemplify patriotism in everything they do.

Federal employees should not be penalized for Congress' inability to get its job done on time. Therefore, I ask that you bring the Federal Employee Retroactive Pay Fairness Act, the legislation I introduced along with my colleague Rep. Don Beyer (VA-8), to the floor as a stand-alone bill as quickly as possible. This legislation sends a clear signal to our federal workers that they will not be harmed as the shutdown continues.

This is the kind of certainty our federal employees need as the House, Senate, and the White House continue negotiations. The Senate has passed a comparable bill, and I believe we must do the same.

Thank you for your consideration and I ask for you to bring this legislation stand alone to the floor immediately, this is too important to delay.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Wittman  
Member of Congress